

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

System and method for automating the ordering and pricing of legal research and of defining the scope of legal research, whereby legal research instructions and specifications to be stored in a database are defined by essential primary and secondary categories, sub-categories and specific instructions, to which numerical values are assigned, and to which price ranges are assigned. This data is received from a legal research provider and stored in databases within an electronic legal research ordering and pricing server by a parameter definition section. The server receives and processes legal research orders based upon the specified legal research instructions and specifications selected by a purchaser. A price calculation section tracks the instructions, specifications and options selected by a purchaser, calculates their related values and corresponding prices based upon those values and delivery prices to arrive at a final order price. The system includes a network and may include a web site.

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